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“[A] scathing novel, distilling venom in tiny drops, revealing devastation in a sneer and fear in a handful of atomic dust.” ?*J. R. Frakes, Book World*

#### About the Author

**Joan Didion** is the author of many works of fiction and nonfiction, as well as several screenplays written with her late husband, John Gregory Dunne. Her books include *The White Album*, *Play It As It Lays*, and *Slouching Towards Bethlehem*. She lives in New York City.

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